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NOTE VERBALE DATED 26 JUNE 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING A STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR TEST CARRIED OUT BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON 8 JUNE 1996

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to request that the following statement should be distributed as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

"The Argentine Republic deplores the nuclear test carried out by the People's Republic of China on 8 June 1996, taking place as it did at a decisive moment in the negotiation of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty, which is considered to be a priority of the international community.

"Nevertheless, it highlights the position recently set out in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva by the People's Republic of China to the effect that it no longer insists on the conduct of peaceful nuclear explosions.

"The Argentine Republic renews its appeal to the Government of the People's Republic of China to reconsider its decision to continue with the nuclear tests in question and to observe a moratorium in this regard, since these tests are not conducive to the strengthening of the non-proliferation regime and hence to international peace and security.

Buenos Aires, 11 June 1996."